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- GOOD VACATIONING \*\*\* PLEASANT SUMMER -

Unless something unforeseen happens (and it usually does) there will be no formal luncheons with speakers during the month of August -- Members will get together at the club for a drink and the latest gossip -- The House Committee will be on duty the first four nights of each week to keep the club open until ten o'clock ..... It will be closed over the weekends.

The club will be closed from July 23rd to August 9th. There will be one or two issues of the Bulletin during the month of August. This issue will be the last one for July.

WANTED ... INFORMATION OFFICER FOR HOLLAND ... MUST SPEAK DUTCH ... CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ... ALSO JOB FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL WRITER FOR NEW COMMERCIAL FIRM.

Pat Mitchell, new associate non-fiction editor of Argosy Magazine, has announced that the August issue of the magazine will carry an exclusive article on the present state of the Russian Air Force, with exact information about the latest Soviet planes.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - SUMMER SUBLET. LUXURIOUS FOUR ROOM FLAT IN EAST SIXTIES ... EXPENSIVE ... CALL THE OFFICE ... WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR TWO OR THREE BACHELOR MEMBERS OF CLUB. ALL THE APARTMENTS ON TAP HAVE BEEN TAKEN SO IF ANYBODY KNOWS OF AN APARTMENT GOING BEGGING, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.

Hal Boyle of the Associated Press was recently elected an international vice president of the American Newspaper Guild for the Eastern Region. Hal has been active in Guild matters since its formation.

Arthur Reef and his wife, Betty, are now in Weisbaden, Germany. Arthur is with the Information Control of the Military Government of Hesse. Reef says that there is a wonderful press club there which used to be a big cement baron's mansion. It is right on the Rhine River; there is a good bar with some excellent wines and champagnes. As for Sundays, Hitler's former yacht is moored there and it seems there is no better way to see the Lorelei than from the beer-soaked deck of this big boat. Mr. and Mrs. Reef have taken on some special trips to Luxembourg, Norway, France and Switzerland.

Robert Magidoff who is summering in New Hampshire after a strenuous lecture tour is writing a book on the Soviet Union for Doubleday, Doran.

Irene Kuhn, whose Broadcast over NBC on Saturday at 12:15 is titled "The Kuhns" and is prepared with her daughter, Rene, has just received an award in the Woman's Program classification of the Billboard Local Program Competition.

Well, they're in Philly again -- to the Democratic Convention -- a prayer that the Convention Hall would not be so hot has been unanswered.

Clete Roberts now with Warner Bros. stopped in at the Club this week en route from Los Angeles to Philadelphia for the convention, where he will do the same thing he did at the Republican convention -- that is to say -- continual broadcasting of the convention each day from the time the session begins to the moment it ends. With a staff of three, he broadcast 45 hours of the Republican Convention -- including every breath and whisper.

Gossip from members on the coast has it that George Lait, son of Jack Lait, is now with Columbia Pictures and says that he "handles" Rita Hayworth for Columbia .. also Charles Collingwood is with CBS in Los Angeles -- Don Caswell, formerly with the United Press in Australia, is now with the San Francisco Examiner..... West coast rumor has it that the Luce interests are starting a newspaper in Los Angeles and in order to have enough newsprint have bought out about eight small newspapers...Time-Life offices in Chicago have been moved to Denver.

Clete is President of the Radio News Club of Southern California, a group of fifty working radio news men. The organization took up with the F.C.C. Roberts' charges that Station KMPC, for which he was a radio news analyst, owned by G.A.Richard, as one of a chain of three, brought pressure to bear on the staff to slant the news. A complete investigation is now being carried out.

Told to look up the OPC by Richard Tregaskis (whose latest article in TRUE magazine is about the Anzac countries), Gordon Currie, of Sydney, Australia, paid a visit to the clubrooms. Many OPC members knew him during the war.

G. Milton Kelly of the Associated Press in India writes that it is hotter than blazes there and prickly heat blossoms like a rambler rose. Kelly says that India is moving toward prohibition. Time-Life's Lubars have arrived in Delhi and are staying at the Cecil Hotel there.

Charley Grumich of the AP has left for London to join the AP team covering the Olympics. Then he will proceed to Paris to resume his role as head of the AP U.N. staff covering the General Assembly starting Sept. 21st. He will be abroad until December.

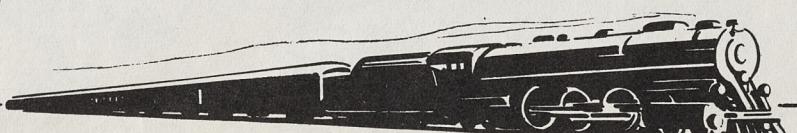
The American Press Club in Berlin celebrated the Fourth of July with the usual party and display of fireworks - much too realistic for the Berliners, so our members there report.

Edmund Chester, director of Shortwave Broadcasting and Latin American affairs of CBS, since 1940, has been appointed Director of News, Special Events and Sports for CBS television. CBS and NBC are both withdrawing from the field of broadcasting to foreign countries as the "Voice of America" broadcasts swing back to the State Department and our member Ed Beattie, Jr. in particular. Ed is having his troubles getting his new staff in shape -- what with programs piling up and FBI investigations having to be made on all the guys he hires.

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The following applications for membership in the OPC have been received. Please send your recommendations, complaints or suggestions to Craig Thompson, Time-Life, chairman of the Admissions Committee, in writing.

ACTIVE:

WILLIAM ATTWOOD, New York Herald Tribune. Europe, May 1946 to June 1948 as foreign correspondent for Herald Tribune.

GEORGE W. HERALD, Chief of Bureau, International News Service, Vienna. 1945, London Foreign Ministers Conference, Nuernberg Trials; 1946, Neurnberg Trials, Paris Peace Conference, Berlin; 1947, Chief Berlin Bureau, INS; 1948, Chief, Vienna Bureau.

BERNARD S. REDMONT, Staff Correspondent, U.S.News and World Report in Argentina (for South America). April, 1946 to June 1948, Buenos Aires for U.S.News and World Report; Combat correspondent, U.S.Marine Corps, Pacific Theatre of War, 1944; Mexico City, CBS and UP, Starr Hunt News Service, Nov. 1939 to Sept. 1940; Europe, 9 countries, free lance, 1939.

WILLIAM COSTELLO, Columbia Broadcasting Co., Tokyo. From March 1946 to present, Far East News Director of CBS.

RUSSELL BARNES, The Detroit News. Paris, 1925-31; London, 1941; Cairo, Algiers, Naples 1943-45; London, Paris, 1945; Moscow, Sofia, Ankara, Palestine, London, 1947.

WALTER SIMMONS, Far East correspondent, Chicago Tribune, now in Tokyo. Oct. 1944 to Aug. 1945, Pacific; Jan. 1946 to present in Far East for Chicago Tribune.

BJARNE STEINVIK, International News Service and King Features in Stockholm, Sweden. From 1928 to present permanently in Scandinavia for INS; 1946, Poland, Czechoslovakia; 1948, Germany and Austria.

GUEST:

HENRYK GALL, Polish Press Agency. 1932-35, League of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland for Polish daily papers.

Many OPC members will be off to Paris in August for the session of the United Nations.. they include OPC members who are part of the UN personnel and members covering the UN for various news organizations ... Incidentally, the UN had decided to recruit new personnel in France for the session -- which would have meant the expert personnel staying in the States and general chaos with new personnel in France. The figure now is about 35 per cent of present UN people to go to Paris -- an improvement, to say the least (Details of this news can be obtained at the club bar).

Gordon Gaskill of the American magazine in Frankfurt writes that WEEKEND, the weekly supplement of Stars and Stripes, has cut loose from S&S and is now a private publishing venture in Germany, taking ads. Most of the old staff is in on it, including editor Dick Jones.

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Gaskill also reports that he met Karl Quigley, ex-INS chief in Germany and Austria, the other day in Cannes. Quigley is now estivating luxuriously in his villa, Le Mas des Pins, on the coast (with three terriers). Also there was Lionel Shapiro, doing some work for NANA and collecting material for a third novel. His "THE SEALED VERDICT" was a hit and the movie with Ray Milland in the lead, is due for autumn release. Gordon says that the chances are France won't allow it there since the major role is that of a French girl who was mistress to a Nazi general.

ITEM...Felix's Blue Bar seems to have become the unofficial press club of Cannes. It is on the Croisette... Apropos of drinking, will some kind soul correspondent inform New York colleagues whether Harry's Bar in Venice is still serving that wonderful concoction of peach juice with a dash of lemon and gin?????

Gaskill has just hit his 56th country, Czechoslovakia; renamed his sailboat HUNTRESS (she's going to the Riviera soon where a yacht birth in Cannes costs 137 Francs (about 48 cents) a year.... Gordon's present article in the July issue of the American magazine is on Liberia. The Russian Weekly NEW TIMES raised hell in a two page spread about his recent article "OUR PARTNER IN OIL" in the American and the Reader's Digest. They called him a paid tool of the dirty capitalists (Thomas Committee, please copy.)

Leo Jay Margolin married Miss Selma Ny Yurman on July 7th in Greenwich, Conn.

Rembert James of the Associated Press office in Paris has been transferred to the AP office in Los Angeles.

Ruth Karpf, writing from Budapest for the New York Star, describes the educational reforms being completed in Hungary and Czechoslovakia -- which will take the school systems away from the Church.

Adele Nathan wrote the scenario of the Chicago Railroad Jubilee which opens on July 20th in Chicago. The pageant is entitled "Wheels Are Rollin'".

Max Jordan of NBC has returned to Basel, Switzerland after a most satisfactory lecture tour in the U.S. and the printing of his new book "Beyond All Fronts".

Teddy White is in Paris for the Overseas News Agency -- offices at 21 rue de Berri.... Jock Lawrence is also in Europe.

Will Oursler is doing a book with his father Fulton Oursler about the late Father Flanagan and the growth of his Boys Town.

Leo Margulies, editorial director of Standard Thrilling group of pulp magazines and whose beautifully carved wooden lamps grace the OPC clubrooms, thinks that the old fashioned type of "Whodunit" mystery is passé and giving way to the well paced story of suspense, now in demand by mystery book publishers.

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One of our members sends this headline from the Ogden (Utah) Standard Examiner: "Father of 10 Shot; Mistaken for Rabbit."

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL BE HELD THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO W. W. CHAPLIN, PRESIDENT. THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION DOES NOT CALL FOR MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST.

The Theatre Benefit for the Correspondents Fund of the Overseas Press Club on Monday, June 28th, proved to be a very successful affair. From 8 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., members of the club and their guests greeted stars of the Paramount film "A Foreign Affair" and other screen celebrities in the lobby of the mezzanine floor of the Paramount theatre. Photographs of H.V.Kaltenborn, John Daly, Pete Huss, Louis Lochner, Eugene Lyons, Henry J. Taylor, Herbert Bayard Swope, etc. were taken with Marlene Dietrich, Millard Mitchell and his wife, Ben Washer, Irving Berlin, Charles Brackett, etc. Then the mezzanine floor was opened for us and the film was screened.

About ninety members and guests came back to the clubrooms after the film for a reception which lasted until 2 P.M. Members enjoyed the film, which is a satire on the American occupation of Berlin and a congresswoman who is part of an investigating committee. Critics have proposed the film for the award of the year. Our members felt that the treatment of the subject was masterly for Hollywood and gossip at the reception later brought out many fine points which the gay comedy makes. Mr. Kaltenborn, former President of the Fund, congratulated Richard de Rochemont, chairman of the Motion Picture Committee, and sent a check to cover the cost of the reception at the club.

Herbert Bayard Swope and Mrs. Swope, and Henry J. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor had not seen the clubrooms before and found them very attractive and appropriate for our OPC. There was a cool breeze despite the sweltering night and the liquid refreshment was most welcome. A picture of John Daly, vice president, handing a check from the club of \$260 from the Annual Banquet to H. V. Kaltenborn was posed with Marlene Dietrich, (who had been made a grand-mother that afternoon by her daughter). A special shot was taken of Henry J. Taylor, Gene Lyons and Leonard Lyons in the club ... it seems that Henry is always being mistaken for Leonard Lyons and the names of Leonard and Eugene Lyons are continually getting mixed up.

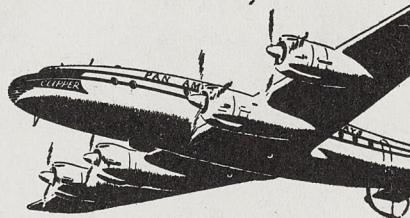
Mr. Kaltenborn thanked Ben Washer of Paramount for his donation of the film for a Benefit showing for the Correspondents' Fund and Richard De Rochemont thanked Bernard Estes and Jack Doorty for their hard work which assured the success of the affair.

Clyde Brown, Gregor Ziemer, Gretta Palmer, Tom Morgan, Will Oursler, Reavis O'Neal, Joseph Cizek-Peters, Bates Raney, Lew Bowen, Kathryn Cravens, Ned Potter, Charles Gillett, Tom Johnson, Adele Nathan, Sigrid Schultz, Norma Babcock, Fred Leighton, Hal Lee, Larry Blochman, Cornelius Ryan, Bill Doerflinger, Fred Leighton, etc. were some of the members who donated to the Fund through several subscriptions to this affair.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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